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FOLLOWING REPEAT MAPUTO 0702 ACTION STATE INFO ABIDJAN BANGUI
BONN BRUSSELS CAIRO DAKAR DAR ES SALAAM GABORONE KHARTOUM
KINSHASA LAGOS LIBREVILLE LISBON LOME LONDON LUSAKA MOSCOW
NAIROBI NOUAKCHOTT PARIS RABAT ROME THE HAGUE YAOUNDE PRETORIA
CAPE TOWN JUNE 6.

QUOTE O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0702

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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY
E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, EFIN, MOPF, PINS, BE CG, FR
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

REF: STATE 137343

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL, WHICH NOT
RECEIVED MAPUTO UNTIL TODAY.

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2. MOZAMBICAN REACTION TO FRENCH LED EFFORT TO
ESTABLISH AN INTER AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR
SHABA IS LIKELY TO BE STRONGLY NEGATIVE. ALL ELEMENTS
IN PICTURE AS IT IS EMERGING WILL TEND
REINFORCE MACHEL'S IDEOLOGICAL SUSPICIONS OF WEST.
-IMPETUS FOR CREATION OF THE FORCE COMES FROM
FRANCE, WHICH IS THE MOST SUSPECT OF THE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS.

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-FORCE IS BEING SENT TO BOLSTER MOBUTU, WHOME MACHEL INTENSELY
DISLIKES.
-LARGEST AFRICAN CONTINGENT WILL PROBABLY COME FROM MOROCCO,
WHICH IS SEEN AS A REACTIONARY GOVERNMENT WHOSE FORCES
ARE ENGAGED IN WAR IN WESTERN SAHARA AGAINST POLISARIO, A
LIBERATION MOVEMENT THAT MOZAMBIQUE ACTIVELY AND OPENLY SUPPORTS
AND
-DESPATCH OF "MODERATE" FORCES WILL BE SEEN AS DANGEROUS PRECENDENT
WHICH COULD BE REPEATED ELSEWHERE
IN AFRICA WHEN WESTERN INVESTMENTS ARE ENDANGERED.

3. IN ADDITION, MACHEL PROBABLY FEARS THAT WITH
SHABA'S SECURITY NO LONGER A CAUSE FOR MAJOR CONCERN.
MOBUTU WILL BE FREE TO COMTINUE HIS COVERT SUPPORT
FOR FNLA AND UNITA AGAINST MACHEL'S ALLY AND FRIEND
NETO.

4. THE ARGUMENT THAT THE ANGOLANS AND CUBANS WERE
INVOLVED IN SOME WAY IN SHABA INVASION AND CONTINUE
TO POSE A THREAT TO MOBUTU DOES NOT COUNT FOR MUCH
WITH MACHEL. HE IS NOT WORRIED BY CUBAN PRESENCE IN
ANGOLA OR SOVIET MILITARY BACKING FOR ANGOLA. ON
CONTRARY HE SEES CUBAN AND SOVIET SUPPORT FOR NETO
AS A GOOD THING. AND FOR THE TIME BEING ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN NETONIN POWER.

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5. NYERERE'S REACTION TO REPORTS OF INTER AFRICAN
PEACEKEEPING FORCE (REPORTED DAR ES SALAAM'S 2339
NOTAL) IS PROBABLY A GOOD GUIDE TO MACHEL'S REACTION
THE TWO LEADERS ARE IN CLOSE COMMUNICATION AND
NYERERE NO DOUBT HAS CONVEYED HIS VIEWS ON PEACE
KEEPING FORCE AND PARIS MEETING TO MACHEL. NOW THAT
MACHEL IS BACK FROM HIS TRIP TO NORTH KOREA, MONGOLIA.
CHINA AND HUNGARY (HE RETURNED YESTERDAY)
I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF HESWERE TO CALL ME IN TO
EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER PARIS MEETING AND WESTERF
REACTION TO SHABA DEVELOPMENTS.

6. MOZAMBIQUE PRESS REPORTING ON THE PARIS MEETING
HAS BEEN DECIDEDLY NEGATIVE. STORIES DRAW HEAVILY ON
COMMUNIST NEWS SOURCESCES. DE PREE UNQUOTE VANCE

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